दौरान बिहार में विद्युत् की उपलब्धता 5243 मि. यू. थी और अप्रैल, 93 से नवम्बर, 93 के दौरान 3837 मि. यू. रहा है। विद्युत् उपलब्धता में सुधार हो सकता है यदि राज्य बिजली बोर्ड अपने विद्युत् उत्पादन केन्द्रों के कार्य निष्पादन में सुधार करते हैं।

SETTING UP OF REGULATORY COMMISSIONS FOR CORRECT PRICING OF POWER

2665. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 10th Finance Commission has suggested the setting up of regulatory commissions at the Central and regional levels for the correct pricing of power; and

(b) what is the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) The report of the 10th Finance Commission is stated for submission to the President of India by 30th June, 1994.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

PRIVATE SECTOR ASSISTANCE TO SCBs

2666. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of Power be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Electricity Boards have been permitted to contract private sector assistance through bilateral negotiations and if so, whether in the absence of any competition, bilateral negotiations are not yielding the optimum results in terms of cost per kwh;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to introduce competitive bidding system in power sector too; and

(c) whether Government consider organising training courses for the SEB officials for appraisal and exaluation based on sound economic criteria ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) State Governments, assign power projects to private companies. Accordingly they decide on the procedure for entrusting implementation of power projects to private companies. Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, Indian Electricity Act, 1910 and the notifications issued thereunder lay down the basis on which tariff is to be determined for both licensee and generating companies. The procedure evolved for assiguing power projects to private companies does not preclude either invitation of bids from different private or assigning of projects to individual companies on the basis of negotiation. Ministry of Power have suggested to State Govts. that selection of private sector companies for specific projects could preferably be done through invitation of competitive bids for fully cleared projects.

(c) Yes, Sir.

FOREIGN INVESTORS RELUCTANT TO INVEST IN POWER SECTOR

2667. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite Government's repeated attempts there is no inflow of foreign investment in the power sector;

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof; and

(c) if not, what is the extent of foreign investment that has come into the power sector till now ?